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**FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT
COOK INLET PARALLEL PACIFIC COD SEASON CLOSES
TO LONGLINE VESSELS GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 50 FEET IN LENGTH
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The parallel Pacific cod season in the Cook Inlet Management Area will **close to vessels greater than or equal to 50 feet in length using longline gear effective 12:00 noon March 20, 2012.** This coincides with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) closure of the Pacific cod catcher vessel greater than or equal to 50 foot hook-and-line gear sector in the federal Central Gulf of Alaska area. The parallel season is now closed to all gear types.

Fishermen are reminded that there is a 24-hour delivery time requirement following closure of a groundfish fishery.

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